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# Darwin City Council

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## John McDouall Stuart back on watch over Darwin

Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer will launch the restored John McDouall Stuart statue in Raintree Park, Smith Street Mall, this Monday 8 September 2008.

A public icon since its unveiling in 1974, the original statue by artist Herbert Knoll in fibreglass and steel was destroyed by vandals in 2006.

Artist Geoff Todd, formerly of Darwin and now based in Ararat, Victoria, was commissioned by Darwin City Council to undertake the repairs including remodelling the face of the statue and re-casting it in bronze.

The statue will be launched on 8 September 2008, in recognition of Stuart's birthday on 7 September 1815.

The artist, Geoff Todd, and Robyn Smith of the John McDouall Stuart Society will be in attendance.

The Stuart memorial, in the heart of Darwin city, is a tribute to John McDouall Stuart, whose epic South to North crossing of the continent became the route for the Overland Telegraph Line and the Stuart Highway.

**WHAT:** Lord Mayor unveils new John McDouall Stuart statue  
**WHERE:** Raintree Park, corner of Smith Street Mall and Knuckey Street  
**WHEN:** Monday 8 September 2008, 11am

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